

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-42 without prejudice or disclaimer to their underlying subject matter.

Please add new claims 43- 82 as set forth below.

43. (New) A machine that manufactures a fiber material web, comprising:
a forming region, the forming region having at least one circulating, endless, dewatering belt, and
at least one pressing zone combined with a suction system.
44. (New) The machine of claim 43, further comprising a former having two circulating, endless, dewatering belts, wherein the dewatering belts converge while forming a material inlet gap, and wherein the dewatering belts are subsequently led as an inner belt and an outer belt over a forming element.
45. (New) The machine of claim 44, wherein the forming element is a forming roll.
46. (New) The machine of claim 43, wherein the pressing zone combined with the suction system is in the web running direction in front of a nip, the nip formed between one of a dryer cylinder and a Yankee cylinder, and a counter element.
47. (New) The machine of claim 43, wherein an element to which suction can be applied is provided to form a pressing zone combined with a suction system.
48. (New) The machine of claim 47, wherein the element includes a suction roll.
49. (New) The machine of claim 44, wherein the fiber material web is led to the pressing zone with the inner belt.

50. (New) The machine of claim 49, further comprising a second dewatering belt, the second dewatering belt guided around the element, wherein the fiber material web is between the inner belt and the second dewatering belt.
51. (New) The machine of claim 50, further comprising a belt, the belt arranged within a loop of the second dewatering belt, and wherein the belt is tensioned around the element.
52. (New) The machine of claim 50, wherein the second dewatering belt is a non-structured screen.
53. (New) The machine of claim 50, wherein the second dewatering belt is a structured screen.
54. (New) The machine of claim 50, wherein the second dewatering belt is a TAD screen.
55. (New) The machine of claim 50, wherein the second dewatering belt is a dewatering screen having a differing screen permeability zone-wise.
56. (New) The machine of claim 51, wherein the tension of the belt is greater than or equal to 60 kN/m.
57. (New) The machine of claim 51, wherein the belt has a smooth surface.
58. (New) The machine of claim 51, wherein the belt has at least one of a drilled surface and a smooth surface.
59. (New) The machine of claim 43, wherein the pressing zone combined with a suction system forms a longitudinal gap.
60. (New) The machine of claim 47, wherein the element is also a counter element that forms a nip with one of a dryer cylinder and a Yankee cylinder.

61. (New) The machine of claim 44, wherein the outer belt is formed by a dewatering screen.
62. (New) The machine of claim 61, wherein the former is a crescent former and the inner belt is formed by a felt.
63. (New) The machine of claim 43, wherein dry content of the fiber material web has a range of approximately 8% to approximately 15% before the pressing zone and wherein the dry content of the fiber material web is approximately 40% or greater after the pressing zone.
64. (New) The machine of claim 44 further comprising a suction box, wherein the suction box is between the forming element and the pressing zone.
65. (New) The machine of claim 64, wherein dry content of the fiber material web directly after the suction box and before the pressing zone has a range of approximately 23%.
66. (New) The machine of claim 60, wherein the fiber material web is supplied with the nip at least one of open and closed.
67. (New) The machine of claim 46, further comprising a guide roll for the inner belt that moves the fiber material web, wherein the guide roll is in the running direction after the nip, and wherein the guide roll is one of an adjustable guide roll and a non-adjustable guide roll.
68. (New) The machine of claim 50, wherein the second dewatering belt has a tension of approximately 5 kN/m.
69. (New) The machine of claim 44, wherein the outer belt has a tension of approximately 8 kN/m.
70. (New) The machine of claim 44, wherein the inner belt has a tension of approximately 5 kN/m.
71. (New) The machine of claim 44, wherein the former is a double screen former.
72. (New) The machine of claim 50, further comprising a second element to which suction can be applied, the second element provided within a loop of the second dewatering belt.

73. (New) The machine of claim 72, wherein the second element is only wrapped around by the second dewatering belt.

74. (New) The machine of claim 72, wherein the second element is formed by one of a suction roll and a suction box.

75. (New) The machine of claim 46, wherein the fiber material web is supplied to one of the dryer cylinder and the Yankee cylinder by closing of the nip.

76. (New) The machine of claim 50, wherein the inner belt and the second dewatering belt are each formed by a felt.

77. (New) The machine of claim 50, further comprising a roll that lies opposite to the element to which suction can be applied within a loop of the second dewatering belt.

78. (New) The machine of claim 77, wherein the roll is at least one of a closed surface, grooved and blind drilled.

79. (New) The machine of claim 77, wherein the roll is a rigid roll.

80. (New) The machine of claim 50, further comprising a shoe pressing unit that lies opposite to the element to which suction can be applied within a loop of the second dewatering belt.

81. (New) The machine of claim 80, wherein the shoe pressing unit further comprises a shoe pressing roll.

82. (New) The machine of claim 50, wherein the former is a double screen former and wherein the second dewatering belt is formed by a felt.